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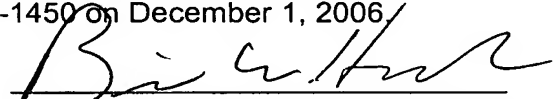
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AND CONDITION MEASURING POSITION SETTING METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 23, 2006. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for 1-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to December 23, 2006. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: Please replace the previously filed drawing Figures 1 and 2 with the clean version of the amended drawing Figures 1 and 2 attached hereto in an appendix following the last page of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.